

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file  continuation/ divisional of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor: OKUMURA et al

Serial No. 08/973,684

Filed: December 11, 1997

For: CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS AND A PROCESS FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): OKUMURA et al

Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number

8-89716

8-125162

8-320516

8-320531

Country

Japan

Japan

Japan

Japan

Day/Month/Year/Filed

11 April 1996

20 May 1996

29 November 1996

29 November 1996

already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 already filed in 08/973,684 filed December 11, 1997

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

The prior application is assigned to ICT CO., LTD. and INTERNATIONAL CATALYST TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED.

Power of Attorney has been granted to Jeffry H. Nelson et al, Reg. No. 30,481 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: This is a division of application Serial No.

08/973,684, filed December 11, 1997, now pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

This application is entitled to "Small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Cancel claims 5 through 9 and 20 through 23. NLE

The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement ;  Non-Publication Request;  Other:

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims 19 - 20 (at least 20) = 0	x \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
Independent claims 11 - 3 (at least 3) = 8	x \$ 80.00	\$	640.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)		\$	0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>			<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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